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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a member of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, I believe that the government needs to end the Microsoft antitrust case. The case has already cost hard working American taxpayers over \$30 million, and that figure is rising every day.

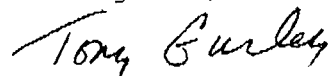
A settlement has been reached that is suitable to both parties. Under the agreement, the government has unprecedented oversight of Microsoft's operations and controls to prevent anti-competitive business practices. Consumers will have greater choice in the selection of their computer operating system than ever before.

In the free enterprise system, consumers dictate the success of a given firm or product. They control the system by voting with their pocketbook. I am certain that throughout American history, there have been many examples of companies egregiously violating antitrust laws. In this instance, however, I do not see the harm to consumers that is required in order to prosecute the Microsoft case further.

Settling the case not only helps the economy a great deal, but it frees up needed funds for the Justice Department to pursue more pressing concerns. I sincerely hope that we can end this antitrust saga soon. Wall Street and Main Street are waiting.

I hope that Judge Kollar Kotelly approves the settlement.

Regards,



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